

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Fitts (U.S. Patent No. 5,142,648) while Claims 9-10 and 12 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as obvious over Fitts and Claim 5 is rejected over the combination of Fitts and Crookham (U.S. Patent No. 5,636,024). Claims 7-8 and 14 have been rejected over Fitts and Kawamura et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,989,981) and Claim 11 has been rejected over Fitts and Kaya et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,398,870). Claims 2, 4, 6, 13, and 15-20 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent forms including limitations of any intervening claims.

In response to these rejections, Applicants have canceled claim 2 and incorporated the subject matter into independent claim 1 to obtain an allowable claim. The remaining claims 3-20 depend from and contain all the limitations of newly amended Claim 1.

Additional amendments to the claims are addressed to the objections to the claims stated at on page 2 of the Office Action.

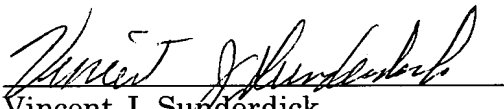
Therefore in view of the claim amendments to address the objection and rejection, Applicants request that this application containing Claims 1 and 3-20 be allowed and passed to issue.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #028987.52486US).

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